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SUBJ: EXPLOSION AT US MILITARY HOTEL "AMERICAN" ARMS" WIESBADEN

1. ON THE MORNING OF MAY 31, US ARMY CID WIESBADEN RESPONDED TO WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS A ROUTINE PROPERTY DAMAGE INCIDENT. WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE AMERICAN ARMS HOTEL (US MILITARY OWNED) THEY DISCOVERED A BROKEN PANE OF GLASS ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE NORTH EXTERIOR FACADE. THE REPORT HAD BEEN CALLED TO THE CID FOLLOWING WHAT HAD SOUNDED LIKE A LARGE AUTO BACKFIRE. NO DAMAGE OTHER THAN THE WINDOW WAS NOTED AT THIS TIME. ABOUT 0329 HRS.

AN EMPLOYEE DISCOVERED A TIMING MECHANISM (CLOCK) WITH ATTACHED WIRES OUTSIDE THE BUILDING NEAR A TRASH DUMPSTER. TYPE OF EXPLOSIVE IS UNKNOWN, QUANTITY IS ALSO UNKNOWN. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. PROPERTY DAMAGE ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT \$300. LKA (LANDESKRIMINALAMT-HESSE) OPINES THAT HAD THE EXPLOSIVE CHARGE BEEN PROPERLY PLACED DAMAGE WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE EXTENSIVE.

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2. ON MAY 31, A LETTER WAS RECEIVED AT THE (DEUTSCHE PRESSE-AGENTUR) DPA RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY ZELLN (RZ) WHICH CLAIMED FOR THE ACTION. AN IDENTICAL LETTER WAS RECEIVED BY A WIESBADEN NEWSPAPER, THE WIESBADEN KURIER. THE LETTER WERE A DIATRIBE AGAINST US MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE FRG, AND ALSO A REWARNING OF THE BOMBINGS AT THE FRANKFURT US ARMY TERRACE CLUB AND THE RHEIN MAIN US AIR FORCE OFFICER'S

CLUB, CONCLUDING WITH A WARNING THAT US MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE NO LONGER SAFE EVEN IF THEY GO TO A SAFE PLACE LIKE WIESBADEN. ITS CLOSING STATEMENT WAS "WE HAVE FOLLOWED THEM".

3. DESPITE THE PRESS BLACKOUT IMPOSED BY THE LKA ON JUNE 1, THE WIESBADEN KURIER RELEASED THE STORY IN THEIR JUNE 1 ISSUE. THE STORY ALSO SUBSEQUENTLY WAS BROADCAST ON AFN. A COPY OF THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE RZ BY THE DPA FRANKFURT IS BEING POUCHED TO SY/CC AND SY/FO/EUR.LEHMANN

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